GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2480
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2007
DESTINATION PLASSEY
Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Mane Smt. Nivedita;Singh Shri Kirti Vardhan

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal has sought clearance from the Union Government for a tourism development project called 'Destination Plassey';

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government has constituted a Committee to commemorate the Jubilee of the battle of Plassey ;

(d) if so, the status of the matter ;

(e) whether the Government also proposes to share the funding of the project since this is a national issue; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) and (b): Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under schemes for Product/Infrastructure Development of Circuits/Destinations and Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects. Project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories that are complete in all respect are examined as per scheme guidelines and sanctioned on the basis of inter-se priority and funds released subject to availability under the respective head. A project proposal for Plassey destination was received from the State Government of West Bengal during the year 2006-07. It was not as per the guidelines hence, was not sanctioned.

(c) to (f): No such committee has been constituted in the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India on Jubilee of the battle of Plassey.

However, an amount of Rs.2639.45 lakh has been sanctioned in the year 2006-07 for tourism related projects for the State of West Bengal. A list of these projects is at annexure.

ANNEXURE STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (c) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2480 ANSWERED ON 15.03.2007 REGARDING DESTINATION PLASSEY

TOURISM PROJECTS SANCTIONED FOR WEST- BENGAL DURING THE YEAR 2006-07

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No	Name of project	Amount Sanctioned 2006-07
1.	Integrated Development of "Tea Tourism - Circuit" in North Bengal	388.98
2.	Setting up of a Night-Safari Park at Jorepokhari in Darjeeling, West Bengal under LRG Scheme- Preparation of Feasibility Report	15.00
3.	Development of Kalimpong under Destination	498.38

Scheme	
4. Setting up of tourism infrastructural facilities at Goke	355.49
5. Development of Eastern Dooars Tourism Circuit in Jalpaiguri District,	683.58
6. Development of Beach Tourism Circuit in Purba Medinipur District,	598.02
7. Development of Rural Tourism at village Mukutmonipur, Distt. Bankura	50.00
8. Development of Rural Tourism at village Antpur, Distt. Hooghly	50.00
Total	2639.45